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Matters related to the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019: scientific and technical matters: national reporting

National reporting: types of wastes for additional practical guidance on the development of inventories

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its decision BC-13/8, on national reporting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal took note of the practical guidance on the development of inventories of used lead-acid batteries, of electrical and electronic waste and of waste oils. In paragraph 5 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to inform the Secretariat, by 28 February 2018, of the types of wastes for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful.

2. In paragraph 6 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Open-ended Working Group to consider, at its eleventh meeting, the types of wastes for which practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful, as identified by Parties, and to prepare recommendations thereon for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

II. Implementation

3. Information on the types of wastes for which practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful was submitted by six Parties.[1] The information received is set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/20 and summarized in the annex to the present note.

III. Proposed action

4. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Agrees* on the following types of wastes for which practical guidance on the development of inventories should be developed, taking into account the information

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[1] Argentina, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, State of Palestine and Yemen.

submitted by Parties on the types of wastes for which such practical guidance would be useful;[2]

[to be inserted];

2. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting considers requesting the Secretariat to develop, within available resources, practical guidance on the development of inventories for the waste streams mentioned in paragraph 1 above, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

[2] Annex to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/5.

Annex

Types of wastes for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful: summary of the information submitted by Parties[a]

a) Dry zinc batteries (Yemen)

b) Lead paint waste containers (Liberia)

c) Lithium-thionyl chloride batteries and lithium-ion batteries (Argentina)

d) Mercury fluorescent lamps (Argentina)

e) Mercury wastes (Mexico)

f) Microplastics wastes (Madagascar)

g) Nanotechnology wastes (Madagascar)

h) Obsolete industrial chemicals (Yemen)

i) Obsolete or used pesticide containers (Liberia)

j) Obsolete pesticides (Yemen)

k) Olive oil waste (State of Palestine)

l) Plastics (Liberia, Madagascar)

m) Spent catalysts (Argentina)

n) Used cartridges and toners (Argentina)

o) Used tyres (Argentina, Liberia)

p) Wastes of genetically modified objects (Madagascar)

[a] For the original submissions, see document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/20.